



## City of Rye Sustainability Committee

### AGENDA

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00-10:30am

City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room, 1st Floor

#### New Business

- Review, approve December Minutes.
- Website updates to [www.ryesustainability.com](http://www.ryesustainability.com).
- Recap of Arbor Day celebration and acknowledgement on 12/18/19.
- Paul Varsames Locust Avenue development bioswale/rain garden letter. Does anyone know how to get foot in the door?
- Discussion on 2020 RSC Environmental Leadership Award. Start awardee selection process.

#### Waste Reduction/Recycling

- Food Scrap Recycling:
  - FSR communication: Has link to renew curbside registration for 2020 been sent out?
  - Recollect credit card capabilities. Any update?
  - 2020 Compost Giveback Day!
  - Update on DEC grant application.
  - RSC website FSR update.
  - FSR language for [www.ryeny.gov](http://www.ryeny.gov) home page. Melissa to send to City Clerk.
- Sounds Shore Last Straw:
  - Per Gretchen, Whole Foods has switched to paper straws in Florida locations. How about Port Chester?
  - Barley Beach House, Coveleigh Club (just need pledge!), La Panetiere, Whitby Castle, Fogama, June & Ho, Patisserie Salzburg, Watermoon, Frankie & Johnnies, Piazza Pizza, other delis etc -- all need approaching.
- New 2020 Initiative – Water Bottle Filling Stations:
  - Gretchen to introduce new initiative idea regarding installation of water bottle filling stations at City of Rye playing fields and downtown etc.
- New 2020 Initiative – Municipal Tag Sale:
  - Patti/Linda to introduce new initiative idea regarding muni tag sale for 2020.

#### Water/Land Use

- 'Branching Out for Rye' Tree Fund:
  - **Raised \$3,800 total in 2019.** #GivingTuesday campaign raised the bulk of it within 3 weeks -- \$3,350.
  - Melissa and Liz Garrett will be presenting the plans for Milton Circle landscaping at City Council meeting on Wednesday, 1/8. A transfer resolution will be passed to transfer total fund balance to DPW to fund the four trees (3 native dogwood and 1 native Hawthorne) being proposed for the circle.
- Tree Ordinance (Chapter 187):
  - Trees will be on the City Council agenda in 2020, as per Josh.
  - Melissa forwarded Josh all docs from the 2012 effort.
  - Tree Matrix with surrounding Westchester municipalities' ordinance details needs to be updated. Patti has already started the effort.
- Tree City USA:
  - Update on Tree City USA application for 2019.
  - All 2019 requirements have been met. Number of trees pruned in 2019 was outstanding.
- Healthy Yards/Pollinator Pathway Initiative:
  - New map to replace damaged map!

#### Community Awareness/Outreach

- Green Screen 2020. Update on 12/13/19 meeting at RCDS.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** February 3rd.